GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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INDO MYANMAR GAS PIPELINE
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation and the Gas Authority of India Limited has found huge quantity of gas in Myanmar.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Myanmar has given any guarantee to supply gas for the proposed Myanmar-India pipeline;

(d) whether the stakehold by the Indian firms is enough to feed the proposed pipeline;

(e) if so, the present status of the Indo-Myanmar pipeline; and

(f) if not, the other source to feed the proposed pipeline?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): India pursued the import of natural gas from A-1 and A-3 blocks of Myanmar through Indo -Myanmar gas pipeline project. ONGC Videsh Ltd.(OVL) and GAIL (India) Ltd. have 20% & 10% shares respectively in these blocks. Total estimated recoverable reserves in these blocks are 4.8 Trillion Cubic Feet.

(c) to (f): Government of Myanmar signed an MoU with India, wherein it was acknowledged that GAIL would be a preferential buyer of natural gas from Myanmar. Subsequently, Government of Myanmar invited bids for sale of natural gas from these blocks. GAIL also submitted its bid. Thereafter, Myanmar invited Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) bids. GAIL submitted bid in this case also. However, Myanmar Government decided to sell the gas to China through pipeline route. The decision of Government of Myanmar remains as of now. In view of the above, no action is presently contemplated on Indo-Myanmar gas pipeline project.